

duty or participation in a large number of operational missions, either ground or air is not sufficient.

(c) *Unit eligibility.* This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans. It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain Silver Star performance for extended periods except under the most unusual circumstances. Recommendations for units larger than brigade will not be submitted.

(d) *Awarding authorities.* The Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1 is approval authority for the VUA. Recommendations for award of the VUA will be forwarded to Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471, for processing to the DCS, G-1 for final action.

(e) *Award elements.* The award elements for the VUA are as follows:

- (1) VUA Streamer;
- (2) VUA Emblem;
- (3) VUA Certificate and Citation;
- (4) DAGO.

(f) *Description.* The VUA emblem is $1\frac{1}{16}$ inches wide and $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in height. The emblem consists of a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch wide gold frame with laurel leaves which encloses a ribbon of the pattern of the Silver Star Medal ribbon centered on a red ribbon. The stripe dimensions of the ribbon are: $\frac{3}{8}$ inch old glory red 67156; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch ultramarine blue 67118; $\frac{1}{164}$ inch white 67101; $\frac{3}{32}$ inch ultramarine blue 67118; $\frac{3}{32}$ inch white 67101; center $\frac{3}{32}$ inch old glory red 67156; $\frac{3}{32}$ inch white 67101; $\frac{3}{32}$ inch ultramarine blue 67118; $\frac{1}{64}$ inch white 67101; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch ultramarine blue; and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch old glory red 67156. The streamers are the same pattern as the silver star medal ribbon.

§ 578.59 Meritorious Unit Commendation.

(a) *Criteria.* (1) The Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) (Army) (previously called the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque) is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for at least 6 continuous months during the period of military operations against an armed enemy occurring on or after January 1, 1944. Service in a combat zone is not required, but must

be directly related to the combat effort. Units based in the continental United States are excluded from this award, as are other units outside the area of operation. The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual. Recommendations for units larger than brigade will not be submitted. For services performed during World War II, awards will be made only to service units and only for services performed between January 1, 1944 and September 15, 1946.

(2) Effective March 1, 1961, the MUC was authorized for units and/or detachments of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least 6 continuous months in support of military operations. Service(s), as used in this paragraph, is interpreted to relate to combat service support type activities and not to the type of activities performed by senior headquarters, combat, or combat support units.

(b) *Awarding authorities.* Approval authority for the MUC is the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1. Recommendations for award of the MUC will be forwarded to Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471, for processing to the DCS, G-1 for final action.

(c) *Award elements.* The award elements for the MUC are as follows:

- (1) MUC Streamer;
- (2) MUC Emblem;
- (3) MUC Certificate and Citation; and
- (4) DAGO.

(d) *Description.* The MUC emblem is $1\frac{1}{16}$ inches wide and $\frac{1}{16}$ inch in height. The emblem consists of a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch wide gold frame with laurel leaves which encloses a scarlet 67111 ribbon. The previously authorized emblem was a gold color embroidered laurel wreath, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter on a 2 inch square of olive drab cloth.

§ 578.60 Army Superior Unit Award.

(a) *Criteria.* The Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA) was created in 1985 to